

## Joshua Center Newsletter

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## Social Skills Expansion Throughout the KC Metro

We will soon be starting social skills classes in the Blue Springs for kids in grades K-5. If interested, register your child on our website [www.joshuacenter.com](http://www.joshuacenter.com) and indicate you are interested in Blue Springs. We will continue offering Social Skills and Life Skills classes at the Joshua Center. As soon as we are able to identify other areas and churches we will start classes in other areas. If you are interested in other areas, have teaching background and would like to help please contact Becky at [becky@joshuacener.com](mailto:becky@joshuacener.com). We will pay instructors, provide training and supplies. We are also interested in volunteer support to assist with the classes.

## Joshua Center University

The Joshua Center University is already a great success. The information is for parents, teachers, school counselors, family – anyone who wants to learn more about the disorders and how to help these kids. Parents, even though the Individual Classroom Plan is written for teachers information is for parents too. It is the exact information in the Individual Home Plan. You can access the courses by following this link.

<http://www.joshuacenter.com/training.htm>

## 2010 Camp Dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Day Camp too

Camp dates for 2009 are June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. You can register at <http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp.htm>. If you would like to arrange payments call Sarah at 816-763-7605. We are offering all kids who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade a Day Camp program (siblings included) so that when they come to Joshua Center Camp the next year they will be less anxious the first day. The program this year is June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. The fee for the 3 days is \$150. More details to follow. If interested, register at <http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp.htm>. You must complete all forms, including health form. We need to know immediately how many kids to plan for. We are really excited to offer this program this year.

## Camps For Kids Campaign 2010

The Joshua Center Camp is so fortunate to have the opportunity to be recognized as a premier program in the Kansas City area. You can help by picking up a donation box to collect funds for this wonderful campaign. Place it on your desk at work, collect in your neighborhood or ask friends and family to support this annual event. All donations (checks made payable to the Camps For Kids with Joshua Center written in memo) will be matched by local foundation support (up to \$1,500 maximum from one individual). We really need help with this and hope everyone will participate. **Your \$5 will make a difference.** If we can get **\$10,000** donated we will receive a match of **\$10,000**. Last year it really made a difference in our program.

You can learn more by visiting the Camps For Kids website

<http://www.campsforkids.org> or the Joshua Center website

[http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp\\_for\\_kids.htm](http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp_for_kids.htm).

Donations cannot be sent until April 1<sup>st</sup>, but there is \$400,000 less to this year. Call Becky if you have any questions.

	April 1, 2020
Pay to	
Order of: Camps For Kids	\$ _____
	_____dollars
For Joshua Center	_____

**If you would like to leave a donation when you come to the Joshua Center I will make sure it gets it gets delivered to Camps For Kids on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Check sample:**

## **Social / Life Skills Update**

Working with the kids this past year has been such a blessing. We have lots of exciting things planned for 2010. After each class we reflect on what “red flags” need to be addressed in the next lessons. We are continually researching new ideas. I was so excited to see the impact recently on one of our Life Skills classes after incorporating ideas from a great website. After three years with this group it was amazing to see the wonderful reflections from the kids. We found a way for the kids to actually “self-reflect”. Elaine and I both said it was the best class we have had with this group. We hope you will continue to share new concerns. We have seen such growth in the kids who have consistently attended. The rewards are great watching the kids interact positively with each other. Classes are available for K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. You can register at <http://www.joshuacenter.com/skills.htm>. Each class is \$30/week. You will receive a reminder call and email the week before the class. Flex Spending accounts can be used for social skills classes.

## **Front of the Class: Re-airing on CBS February 6th**

We are excited to announce that **Front of the Class** will air on CBS again on Saturday, February 6th. Relive the inspiring story of Brad Cohen as he reminds people that dreams can come true. Be sure to spread the word as we realize everyone has challenges in life, but what is most important is how we embrace our challenges and live life to its fullest. Staring Patricia Heaton, Treat Williams and Jimmy Wolk, **Front of the Class** shows us how others helped change Brad’s life and now Brad’s story just might change yours. Check your local TV guide for exact times.